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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that the Government have come forward to encourage secondary grade Graduates in aided schools to attend this course with stipends?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think stipend has been offered to anybody.

*Revised scales of pay*

* 310 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the instructions, if any, issued to the managements of aided secondary schools on the fixation of salaries in the revised scales of pay for the non-teaching staff?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Managements have been given the option to adopt for non-teaching staff in schools the scales of pay prescribed for such staff in Government schools or in schools under local bodies.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Managements have been given the option to adopt the local body scale or the Government scale. May I know whether it is made obligatory on them to adopt this or that?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think there is any obligation laid on them. They can have their own scales of pay also.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it not a fact that in the case of teachers the Government made it obligatory on the part of the managements to adopt the revised pay scales by saying that otherwise grants would not be assessed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have already made a distinction between the teaching staff and the non-teaching staff I think the hon. Member should be glad about it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that in that Government Order head clerks and typists have been disallowed in respect of aided institutions alone?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It depends upon the strength of the schools. I think where there is sufficient strength warranting the appointment of a head clerk, it can be done.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the new revised scale for the head clerk, Sir?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information.

*Rest Houses*

* 311 *Q.*—SRI V. M. SURENDRA RAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct Rest Houses for middle class tourists in the Arranmore Palace Compound, Ootacamund; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?